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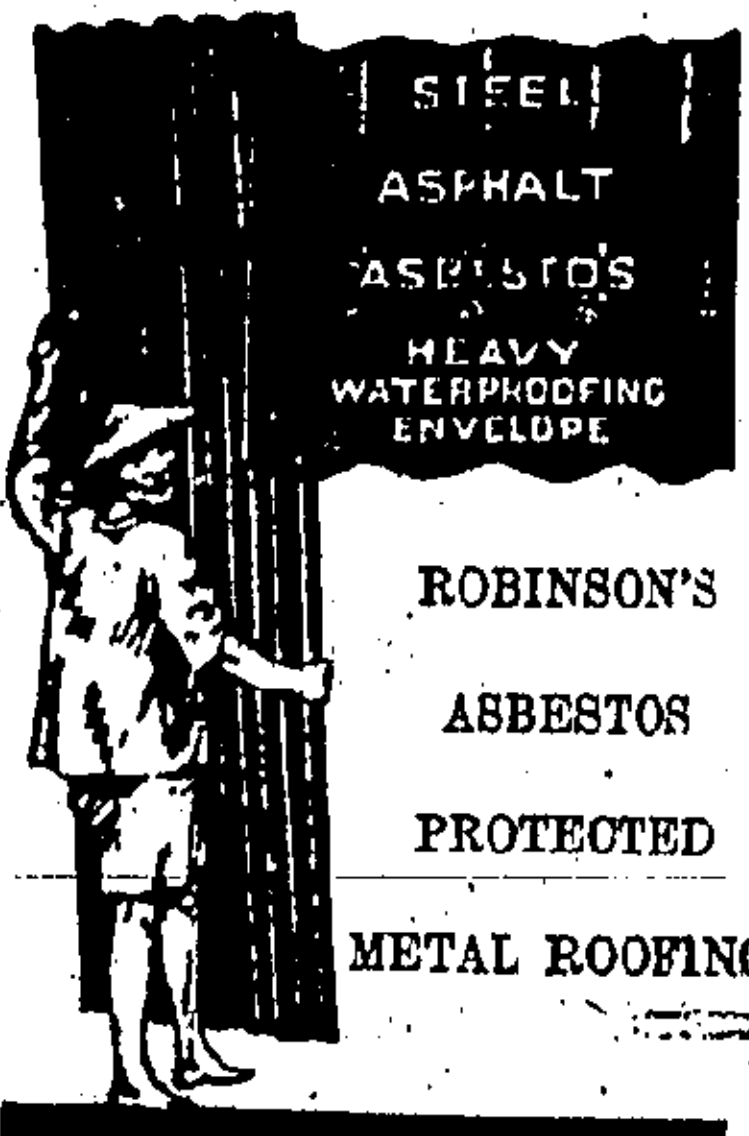
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COMMUNIST POLICY TAKES SHAPE.

FUNDS BADLY WANTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, July 22.

Apparently under Government approval, a levy of half a month's rent is being collected to assist the Strike Executive which now openly admits that it is hard pressed for funds. In an appeal issued the strikers' members are given as over 100,000! As this rent tax is neither likely to amount to much nor to be paid at all willingly, other sources of revenue are being exploited. To-day there has been talk of a "bourgeois tax" which, as I indicated some time ago, is the four-four-two plan of dividing up private property, i.e., forty per cent. to the Communist sponsors, forty per cent. to "Labour" and twenty per cent. to the original owner.

I am reliably informed that this is only propaganda to test both the feelings of the people, and the manner in which the Communist policy will be received. Even tentative plans have not been drawn up, but report says that the main note of the project is that all proceeds will be kept in the National Bank at Canton for the sole use of the strikers.

July 23 is to be observed as a day of mourning for those killed in the Shanghai demonstration. The (Canton) vernacular papers state that the Foreign Affairs Commissioner at Swatow has protested to the British Consul there in connection with the naval party landed to protect the Customs.

Strike pickets are now looking out, not only for deserters, but also for British and Japanese cargo.

A manifesto issued by the Strike Executive says that under no circumstances will gambling revenue be received for supporting the strikers.

There is still a steady stream of strikers leaving Canton, the majority having to spend from \$30 to \$50 before they can even reach Hongkong.

HARBOUR ACTIVITY.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD TO-DAY.

NINE CLEARANCES.

This morning the harbour showed that another step forward had been taken in returning to normal conditions. There is little new to report, but as small craft of all description are out and about, it is felt that the way is being paved toward resumption of river and ocean shipping. There were 100 vessels in port this morning, 51 being under the British flag. One British, two Japanese, three Chinese, one Danish, one Dutch and one American made up the clearances; and there were 14 arrivals.

As announced in yesterday's "China Mail," the s.s. Charles Hardouin left at eight o'clock this morning for Macao, and will return this evening. Her sister ship, the Paul Beau, was to have left at three this afternoon. Their joining the Hongkong-Macao run will bring the number of vessels up to six now plying between the two ports. There are three vessels running between Canton and Macao.

Harbour and Revenue Department launches are now seen in all parts of the harbour.

The Empress of Russia is also due to leave.

The Chinese crew of the Indo-China s.s. Kumsang were replaced on arrival here, and the vessel will leave for Northern ports with a Lascar crew.

More dock hands are officially reported to have resumed work by this morning.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/3 15/16.

SWATOW'S POSITION.

RIVAL COMMANDERS IN THE FIELD.

CHAN'S FORCES QUIET.

Further intelligence has been received from Swatow, but there is no report of any move by Chan Kwing-ming's forces in that area.

As mentioned in yesterday's "China Mail," there have been reports of impending developments. These reports cover territory extending from the hinterland of Swatow up to the Fujian border, in which different detachments under Chan's former lieutenants are roaming. One or two of these bodies are now stated to have declared allegiance to General Hsu Shung-chi, the Kuomintang commander-in-chief, who formerly held Swatow.

Fighting, except between rival commanders on a small area, does not appear at all probable.

WOONG FENG?

CANTON SEEKING AN ALLIANCE.

That Canton is attempting to establish an alliance with Feng Yu-shiang, the Christian General at Peking, is evident from last night's issue of the "San Kwok Wa Po," a Kuomintang Canton (vernacular) organ, which is now the self-appointed mouthpiece of the strikers.

An article which is given considerable prominence refers at some length to the parleys between the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen (when he was in Peking) and General Feng.

There is now talk of union in "matters of national importance," and a long despatch above the names of General Hsu Shung-chi, Liu Chung-chi, the labour politician, Kuo Ying-fan, Sun Fo, and others is published in the same issue.

A reference is also made to the proposed Customs Conference, in connection with which is mentioned a telegram from Shanghai to Canton.

SHARE SETTLEMENT.

NOTHING TO CAUSE UNEASINESS.

ADJUSTING JUNE DIFFERENCES.

"Things are moving smoothly," replied Mr. H. Birkett to a query regarding to-day's share settlement (for the month of June).

It was just before five o'clock that a "China Mail" representative was courteously informed by Mr. Birkett that the settlement, as in normal times, would not be completed until late in the day. Accordingly, it was not possible to say if everything would go through. Mr. Birkett remarked that everybody was very busy straightening things out, but there was nothing, at that time, to cause uneasiness.

As the settlement is being put through on lines already provided for, there is no great volume of actual shares changing hands, principals merely settling the differences.

AT THE P. O.

VERNACULAR REPORT PREMATURE.

SMART HANDLING OF MAILS.

In the vernacular papers this morning it was mentioned that a number of native postmen had returned to the Post Office and had re-started work. The "China Mail" has been authoritatively informed that the report is premature. With the exception of the launch crew, there are no returns of which to speak.

"Nevertheless," said a busy official to a "China Mail" representative, who inquired, "everybody is becoming more accomplished and things are now running satisfactorily. The Home Mail by the s.s. Macedonia was landed at 10.30 a.m. and London letters were being delivered by noon." This, it will be admitted, is excellent work.

It is expected that some of the G.P.O. employees may be back in a few days, but this is only conjecture.

TRAM SERVICE.

GREATER IMPROVEMENT IMMEDIATE.

WELCOME INTIMATION.

An improvement in the tramway service is foreshadowed from to-morrow—an announcement which should be welcomed by those living at a distance and who have suffered inconvenience in having to take the last car at 7 p.m. or seek other means of transport.

Commencing to-morrow, Friday, the service will be extended from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., the cars running at intervals of fifteen minutes. Commencing from Saturday, the cars will start running from 6 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. as at present, and during these two hours the interval between each car will be also one of fifteen minutes. The service from Saturday onward will therefore be maintained from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Still further improvements in the service will be effected as the Chinese now being engaged on regular employment, become proficient in the management of the cars, and it will be only a little time before the volunteers will be discharged with the thanks of the Company for the valuable services rendered by them.

ANGLICAN MISSION.

VISIT TO FAR EAST POSTPONED.

BISHOP UNANIMOUS.

Owing to the unsettled state of the country, and in view of the fact that adequate preparation is impossible, the Bishop of Victoria, after consultation with Bishop Norris of Peking and Dean Symons of Shanghai, has advised the postponement of the Mission to the Far East.

The two missionaries, the Bishop of Barrow and Canon Woods were due to leave England in October. The following appeared in the St. John's Cathedral Notes for April:—

On March 13 the following cable reached us through Reuters:—"At the request of the Bishops of the Church in China the Archbishop of Canterbury is sending two priests to visit missionaries and English Communities, in the Chinese Coast dioceses. Canon Woods, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, sails early in October. The second priest has not yet been chosen."

This means that for the Mission of Help to English speaking congregations in China, one of the missionaries will be the Rev. Canon E. S. Woods, brother of the Bishop of Winchester, who was the leader of the recent Mission of Help to India.

Canon Woods is Vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, and Chairman of the Life and Liberty movement, and is one whose delightful personality and keen spiritual insight will be an inspiring force in our midst. During the War, Canon Woods who was not allowed for health reasons to serve in France, was Chaplain at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He has a connection with this diocese as from 1920-1922 he was good enough to act as one of my commissaries in England.

The Mission will visit Hongkong early next year. It is proposed that the forthcoming Mission of Help should be the special subject of discussion at the Church of England Diocesan Conference to be held in Autumn.

Your Friend and Bishop,

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STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. Mantua left Shanghai for this port on July 21, at 4 p.m., and is due here on July 24, at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia is due here from Manila at 1.30 p.m., on July 22, and will berth at Pier 5, Kowloon Wharf. The steamer will sail for Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai and Japan ports at 8 p.m. on July 23.

The G.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Australia arrived at Yokohama at 7 p.m. on July 21, left Yokohama at 2 p.m. on July 22, and is due at Hongkong at 2 p.m. on July 23.

TO CONVINCE ALL.

BRITAIN WILL SEE JUSTICE IN CHINA.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPLY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 22.

In the House of Commons, pressed by Captain Wedgwood Benn (Lib.) regarding the summing up of an impartial judicial inquiry into the Shanghai disorders, Mr. Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) asked to be excused from making a partial statement till a full statement was possible. He added that the Government aimed at seeing justice done to all parties in a way convincing to all parties. Replying to Mr. J. Beckett (Lab.) Mr. Chamberlain stated that he had not taken steps to discover the reasons leading to the withdrawal of the French Ambassador from the Council of Three at Peking. Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that he was concerned particularly that all the interested Powers should act together.

Boycott or Strike.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain made a statement, according to the latest information, that the general situation in China was somewhat more satisfactory since his statement on June 18. No further serious disturbances had been reported in the past week while the strike at Nanking, Shanghai and elsewhere appeared to be weakening but the boycott movement was spreading. Peking was very quiet.

"Whole Chinese Problem."

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, July 22.

The Associated Press learns that the Powers reached a substantial agreement on the formula by which the whole of the Chinese problem will be handled. Some elements of the programme had not yet been formally agreed to by all Governments concerned, but it was expected the representatives of the Powers at Peking would shortly be able to submit a formula to the provisional Government of China.

Japan and Britain.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, July 22.

Japan has replied favourably to the Washington Note.

Britain and Japan are completely in accord on points of Chinese policy and the Washington proposals. Sir Charles Eliot having notified the Foreign Office of British acceptance, according to the Foreign Office spokesman.

BOXER FUNDS.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

TWO CHINESE TO SIT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 22.

In the House of Commons Mr. Austen Chamberlain announced the following appointments to the advisory committee to deal with the allocation of the Boxer Indemnity:—Chairman, Lord Buxton; Dame Adelaide Anderson, Sir John Jordan, Sir Charles Addis, Sir Christopher Needham, Sir William Clark, Professor Southill and Mr. S. P. Waterlow (Head of Far Eastern Department, Foreign Office). Mr. Chamberlain hoped that two out of the remaining three vacancies would be filled by highly qualified Chinese.

London, July 22.—At East Ham police court a Chinese cook employed on the steamer Glenagary was sentenced to a fine of 2478 or six months imprisonment on a charge of harbouring a large quantity of automatic revolvers, two Mauser pistols and eleven thousand rounds of ammunition. The accused stated that when at Hamburg two men asked him to convey the stuff to Hongkong, where someone would receive the goods and give him money.

HOME LABOUR.

YORKSHIRE'S TEXTILE OPERATIVES.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 22.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, chairman of the new Government Committee for organising public services in the event of industrial trouble.

WAGE REDUCTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 22.

A further big industrial dispute was mentioned in the House of Commons this afternoon when the Labourite, Mr. Ben Riley, drew attention to notices to enforce reductions of wages on two hundred thousand textile operatives in Yorkshire which would expire on July 23, that the operatives' unions declined to accept the reductions, and failing an agreement to withdraw the notices on July 23 these operatives were likely to strike.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland (Minister of Labour), in reply, said that he had sent letters to both sides, suggesting that they hold a further meeting with a view to avoiding strife.

COAL DISPUTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 22.

The coal owners sent a letter to the Miners' Executive suggesting a conference to clear up misunderstanding over the miners' demand of the withdrawal of the owners' proposals as a preliminary condition to re-opening negotiations. The Miners' Executive decided to inform the coal owners that they adhered to the decision to meet the coal owners in an open conference if and when the owners' proposals were withdrawn.

SHIPPING STRIKE.

ANOTHER EMPRESS CREW DESERTS.

WHAT IS SAID AND HEARD.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, July 22.

Two hundred of the Chinese crew of the Empress of Australia struck on arrival at Yokohama yesterday, and were replaced by two hundred Japanese. The rest of the Chinese are expected to walk out at Kobe, in which event more Japanese will be added.

Malicious Rumours.

The same thing happened when the Empress of Russia reached Japan some time ago. Agents of the Seamen's Union had gone to Japan and spread hair-raising stories, thus scaring the Chinese crew from the ship. One of the Russia's crew wrote to his father in Hongkong who in turn handed the letter to the "China Mail." His son explained that there was no intimidation but that he himself had thought it best to desert as he "would not be allowed to land in Shanghai and war had been declared in Hongkong." The only thing left for him to do, to protect himself, wrote the son, was to await direct shipment from Japan to Canton. Meanwhile the Russia's Chinese crew were beginning to feel the pinch in Kobe. Apparently, the same dodge has been worked in the case of the Australia.

Cologne, July 22.—The Dortmund, Duisburg, Wesel, Essen and Munster Chambers of Commerce have telegraphically appealed to the Chancellor and the Minister for State for intervention in the mining crisis which is threatening to paralyse the Ruhr. Wholesale diamantals occur daily. The directors of the Wiedensleben have announced their intention of stopping the pumping machinery and letting the mine be flooded. Further action is expected in the mining districts where they refused to work two shifts of twelve hours instead of three eight hour shifts.—Reuter.

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We have seen how in recent years our common tongue has been enriched with such words as "camouflage," "radio," and "Blighly," and we know that over a thousand years ago the invaders of England brought new words with them. This growth of language, therefore, is no new thing; it has been going on through all the centuries.

When we say a thing is as "plain as a pikestaff," we refer to the times when pilgrims carried staffs as a symbol of their vocation, while not "to cure a brass farthing" is an allusion to the debased coinage issued by James II.

When we partake of supper we ought, according to the origin of the word to take a "sup" of bread soaked in gravy, and because many years ago the status of a guest was indicated at the table by his position above or below the salt cellar, an unworthy person placed above the mark of degree was said to be not "worth his salt."

Who does not know the desultory person, the man who begins a task and halfway through leaves it to another? He is so called because in a Roman circus the athlete who sprang from one horse to another was a "desultor."

A horse going at an easy gallop is said "to canter," simply because he is proceeding at a pace similar to that of the pilgrims to Canterbury; and a milliner was at first a dealer in all kinds of goods from Milan.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF BOOKS.
Many words and expressions in common use come from the Bible. A few needing no explanation are "forbidden fruit," "Lazarus," "Babel," "Good Samaritan" and "widow's mite."

Other books have contributed to the common stock. Sir Thomas More's visionary land of "Utopia" has now given its name to any idealistic state, and from "Lilliput," the land of little people visited by Gulliver, we have our objective, Lilliputian.

From a book called "Euphues," which was written in a very high-flown artificial style, has come our word "euphuistic," which describes language affected or bombastic.

There are even some words specially coined to supply a deficiency. Charles Hanks first used the word "suffragette," and Darwin the phrase "survival of the fittest."

Other instances which spring to the mind are Mr. Winston Churchill's synonym for a lie, "terminological inexactitude"; and Mr. Lloyd George's popular expression, "silver bullets."

Science has given us many expressions, one of the most interesting of which is "common or garden." Common or garden is a botanical term applied to plants, and in a humorous way to other things.

But coined words and words drawn from books, from science, from distant countries, and from civilisations of long ago, although very interesting, cannot be compared with words which are accidentally adopted by a language. The most famous and surely the most amusing is the origin of the word "bunkum."

During a debate in Congress the House was anxious to come to a vote, but the member for Buncombe, a town in North Carolina, insisted on speaking not because he had anything to say, but "because his constituency would expect him to speak for Buncombe."

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PUBLICITY.

The Government has had what
is known as a good Press. But it
is obvious that its proclamations
and the things that it has caused
to be done in the interests of law
and order; the maintenance of
essential services; the supply of
foodstuffs; and the methods to
prevent epidemics — to say
nothing of the rounding up and
expulsion of idlers and the punish-
ment of intimidators, deserve
wider publicity than it is possible
for the European press to pro-
vide. Certain notices are written
and placed on boards, mainly in
or near the Post Office and in the
Wanchai district. The numbers
attracted to them must neces-
sarily be small and their explana-
tion of them probably garbled.

The proclamation (in English)
regarding the paying out of
deposits in Chinese banks seems
to have been placarded over the
city. Why not the same process
with regard to all the things
mentioned in this Note? Why

not a wholesale distribution of
notices in Chinese from street to
street and door to door, even if
only a percentage are able to read
them?

The Colony is facing a position
largely created by fear built up
on ignorance. It cannot be said
that it has made large use of the
natural force of publicity — a
publicity that would have behind
it the additional force of truth.
Even in peace times this aspect
should not be neglected. How
many, we wonder, heard of the
return of the gates of Kam Tin to
a village that had earned the
reputation of being loyal, and that
the return of those gates was far
from being a sign of weakness on
the part of the Government?

What can't speak can't lie, the
old phrase has it. It applies very
forcibly to the publicity of which
the Government should make use.

Mixed Labour.

The Hotel's experiment will
be watched with much interest.
At the moment the staff does
not consist wholly of Chinese. It
is agreeably cosmopolitan, and
working in harmony, should meet
all demands made upon it. It is
easier to staff a Hotel in this
manner than, say, such an in-
stitution as the Naval Dock Yard;
but where it is feasible to intro-
duce the system, it should be
tried. In this way wholesale
abstentions would not be the order
of any strike, and the Chinese
themselves would benefit in hav-
ing the means to contrast their
own line of thought and action
with that of other places. They
would also take their place in a
system in which ability only
counted — a system also which
would probably sound the death-
knell of what is popularly de-
scribed as "squeeze."

Registration of Servants.

Registration of servants is a
matter on which the Government
is in honour bound to make some
statement now, that a definite
communication has been address-
ed to them by a properly con-
stituted body. The time that is
bound to elapse before such in-

dications of policy is made might
well be utilised for the purpose of
a little heart searching by those
who recognise the need. The
following question, for instance,
could be mentally put and, if
favourably answered, the object
pursued with even greater vigour.
— Do you consider the individual
advantages to be gained from reg-
istration would outweigh the in-
convenience to which you will be
put in registering your servants,
and in the event of failure to do
so paying the fine, that will surely
be the minimum penalty for such
omission? (Any scheme of regis-
tration sponsored by the Govern-
ment to be effective would have to
be compulsory). In the majority
of cases the answer would un-
hesitatingly be "yes," and yet it
is doubtful if compliance with the
obligations such a scheme entails
would be so ready as the answer.
The owner of a private chair or
riches, for instance, knows how
easily such things are forgotten,
and so do the authorities respon-
sible for such registration who
are continually reporting the
gross neglect or defiance of such
obligations imposed by law.
This is not submitted as an
argument against registration.
If, after considering the points
raised, and any other incidentals
arising out of them, the resident
is still satisfied that he will abide
by the obligations imposed, then
he has all the more reason for
pressing forward with the
schemes already afoot, whether or
not they receive the official sanc-
tion of the Government or are
fostered by it.

THEY SAY THAT

Armaments are not the cause,
but the symptoms of war. — Miss
K. D. Courtney.

For all marriages I prefer
"Darby and Joan" to "Romeo and
Juliet." — Dr. Schofield.

The end of woman is to please
man, the end of man to please
himself. — Mr. Stephen Hudson.

Salisbury Cathedral is so hope-
lessly perfect, that it makes you
feel uneasy. — Mr. Karel Capek.

The human race has in its own
hands the power of improving its
inheritance. — Dr. Graham Wallas.

Too great bodily exertion is as
tiring for the nerves as too great
mental exertion. — Sir Arthur
Schuster.

Nature, in the sense in which
we ordinarily use the term, knows
nothing of forgiveness. — Bishop
of Lincoln.

Education is the most appalling
evil with which humans have
ever been afflicted. — Sir William
Arbuthnot Lane.

To-day, more than at any time
in the past, the hope of the world
rests upon the rising generation.
— Mr. Hubert Martin.

Thousands of men could not
drink ale in their dining-rooms
but will walk far to drink it at
an inn. — Mr. Basil Macdonald
Hastings.

Riches are often the reward of
the cunning and the unscrupulous;
poverty often the fate of the
tender-hearted, the humble, and
meek. — Canon Donaldson.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

There was a clean bill of health
in the Colony for the 24 hours
ended Wednesday.

The Nederlandsch Indische
Handelsbank has declared a di-
vidend of 10 per cent. for the year
ended December 31, 1924.

In the Hongkong Baseball
League two games are to be played
on Saturday as follows:—
H.K.V.D.C. v. Japanese, 2.30 p.m.
to 4.30 p.m.; Hongkong v.
Indians, 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Yesterday afternoon there was
a partial collapse of the roof of
15, Wing Lok Street, which re-
sulted in a Chinese boy of 16, who
was apparently the only occupant,
being injured. He was removed
to the Government Civil Hospital.

Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung
entertained Mr. Lloyd George,
Dame Margaret Lloyd George,
their son and daughter-in-law,
Major and Mrs. Lloyd George,
and their private secretary, Mr.
Sylvester, to a Chinese lunch on
June 18, at 45, Cadogan Gardens
(Sir Robert's residence). They
were also entertained to lunch by
Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamber-
lain.

Conditions under which cargo
is accepted for shipment on the
S.S. Tung On are:—1. Freight to
be charged, will be fixed by the
Harbour Master. 2. A receipted
bill for the freight charges must
be presented to the Chief Officer
examination before goods are
loaded. 3. All usual conditions
of shipment are waived and the
Government assumes no respon-
sibility of any nature. 4. Ship-
pers must make all necessary
arrangements for loading at
Hongkong and unloading without
delay at port of destination.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

An accomplished
journalist and
traveller, with a
knowledge of
three or four modern languages,
beside the "humanities," has just
revealed his utter ignorance of a
subject in which most schoolgirls
could pass with honours. Over
the tea-table the other day, the
topic of crossword puzzles came
up, and the distinguished guest
naively asked, "What is the prin-
ciple of the crossword puzzle;
how do you set about working it
out?" The confession of in-
nocence was genuine; and it may
have been the ignorance that is
bliss.

He's grown
old, and I've
kept young
— and that
does mix things up so!"

"I'm engaged. That is, as
much as one can be engaged these
days."

"You wouldn't be so perfect if
you had wasted any of your time
in sincerity." — From "The
Vortex."

"Look out—here they come!
Do let them catch us embracing,
they rather expect it of us. I
hate disappointing people."

Publishers never touch alcohol
in any form; it might go to their
heads and make them accept
things."

"So few men are clever enough
not to be conceited." — From "The
Rat Trap."

In "The Times," Dr.
Arthur Shadwell, a
student of sociology,
has attacked the lack of serious-
ness in the people of the present
generation in Great Britain, who,
he says, "neither work well nor
play well." While it may be true,
as Dr. Shadwell says, that the ex-
penditure on superfluities is
never so great, there is much con-
structive work going on through-
out the country, but it seldom re-
ceives public attention. For
example, the coal miners and
colliery owners are putting their
hands together in a way that has
never been done before, in order
to cope with the serious situation
that has arisen in their industry.

When an order is lost to Britain
on account of the lower produc-
tion costs on the Continent, the
newspapers the world over an-
nounce the fact; but when, as the

other day, the British steel-tube
makers' tender was 30 per cent.
below the nearest foreign com-
petitor, not a single paper appear-
ed to notice this phenomenon.

The same reticence was notice-
able when the contract for the
new harbour at Madeira recently
went to a British firm. Dr. Shad-
well, evidently a true Britisher,
appears to be happiest when his
gloomiest about his own country.

Landlady: "She
COMEDY IN THE was throwing
COURTS. the flat-irons
about, so I
thought perhaps she was just a
little upset."

Magistrate: "Is there any one
present to speak for the
prisoner?"

A detective: "Only his mother-
in-law, sir; but she says she can-
not trust herself to address you
on the subject."

Tottenham Man: "When we
married with all your worldly
goods and you have not."

Wife: "And you promised to
endow me with all your worldly
goods and you have not."

At Kingston: "He carries dan-
gerous things about with him, and
he has threatened to make a hole
in my breathing apparatus."

Man at Willesden: "Please
give me a summons against a
friend of mine for hitting me in
the jaw for the third time."

"Did you
CHILDREN'S FUNNY give your
SAYINGS. penny to the
monkey?"

"Yes, mother." "And what did
the monkey do with it?" "He gave it
to his father, who played the
organ."

"A farmer going suddenly into
his orchard found a boy standing
under an apple-tree with a fine
rosy apple in his hand. 'You
young scamp!' said the farmer.
What were you going to do with
that apple?' 'Please, sir,' an-
swered the boy, 'I was just going
to put it back on the tree.'"

"Small Boy (on arrival at
country cottage): 'Mummy,
where is the bath-room?' Mother:
'There isn't any bath-room, dear.'
Small Boy: 'Good! This is going
to be a real holiday.'"

"Say, father, won't you buy
me a drum?' 'No, no, you would
be constantly disturbing me with
the noise.' 'No I won't, father;
I promise you I will only drum
when you're asleep.'"

RUPERT BROOKE AND TAHITI.

Mr. Robert Keable, the well-
known novelist, has written a
delightful travel book, *Tahiti:
Isle of Dreams* (Hutchinson, 16s.
net). Apart from its "blend of
poetic prose and personal philo-
sophy," it tells of Rupert Brooke,
the most brilliant poet of his day,
who was killed early in the war,
and who, in his young manhood,
had associations with Tahiti.
Writing of the poet, Mr. Keable
says:—

"I do not think he would now
recognise in the present Tiare
Hotel the quaint and charming
inn that Lovaina, perhaps best
and most unusual of hotel
hostesses, then ruled so wonder-
fully. The very house with the
wide verandah is dead—shut up,
neglected, empty, since the long
illness of Tetuanui; and the
wooden pier is dying. Its old
timbers rot in the water, and I
took a piece of the sea-stained
wood for a remembrance. Sitting
there on the little jetty, I said the
lines to myself:—
"Mama, when our laughter
ends,
And hearts and bodies, brown
as white
Are dust about the doors of
friends
Or scent a-blowing down the
night,
Then, oh! then, the wise agree,
Comes our immortality."

"Alas and alack! There's little
comfort in the wise. . . .
I asked to see the signature in
the old book. Pare was instantly
a little embarrassed, but for the
love he bore me he at last com-
plied. Gesticulating and apologis-
ing, he held out the battered reli-
quary, and there, at the bottom of
the page, one reads:—

"Brooke, 26, Journalist,
Cambridge, England, Jan. 16."
"But where," said I, "is the
Christian name?"

"Oh," he said, "inimitably, in
his own delightful way, oh, I was
ashamed to tell you! Really, you
know, it is terrible. And how I
could have been such a fool! But
it was like this, and it was not my
fault, really it was not. There
was an American girl staying
here, a very pretty girl, and you
know she admired Rupert."

Brooke's poetry ever so much.
She bothered and bothered me
until I showed her the book, and
then she wanted me to give her
his signature. Well, of course, I
couldn't. But—oh, it was dread-
ful!—she got hold of it, and she
tore out the Rupert! Whatever
could I do? I felt such a fool.
But there it is, his own writing—
"Brooke, 26." Wasn't he young?"

"Perhaps it is foolish to like the
story so much. But it is typical
of Tahiti, so like Pare, so charac-
teristic of young ladies! I sup-
pose that somewhere in America
is a photograph of Brooke, with
Rupert in the usual place of
signature. And I photographed
the page of the book, for it looked
looked to me, as so much that is
associated with him, and as his
friends in Tahiti, shortly to be
"blown about the winds of the
world."

As to Tahiti, which to the
author at any rate is an "isle of
dreams," the author sums up:—
"In an English cathedral of
to-day—say Ely or Peterborough,
or Lincoln or Chester—it is im-
possible not to be aware of a
spirit that is passed, a something
gracious, vital, lovely, whose
ghost but lingers on the air," says
Mr. Keable.

"The stones remain in all their
loveliness; there is music and
prayer and comely furnishing;
waiving controversy, the present
holders put these buildings to a
decent use; but, even if one is a
heathen or a heretic, one knows
that something is gone to which
this building properly belongs."

"One may not even feel, taking
all in all, that one wants that
ancient religion, that monastic-
ism, that strange medieval life
which created the place, back
again, but of that I do not speak."

I merely use the illustration
standing there alone in the grave,
dim, silent aisles one knows some-
times the light breath of the spirit
haunting the place in which it
came to birth, in which it is now
a stranger, from which it must
sharply, phlegmatically, be
driven away. In some such way I am aware
of the spirit of Tahiti."

RUBBER BOOM.

RESTRICTION REMOVAL REQUEST.

MR. AMERY'S REPLY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 22.

In the House of Commons, Sir Ellis Hume-Williams asked for the removal of the restriction of rubber exports.

Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery (Colonial Secretary) replied in the negative. He pointed out that sudden interference with the Stevenson scheme would involve injustice to large numbers of individuals who had entered into contracts on the assumption of its continuance. There was no reason to believe British producers of rubber, who were observing the scheme, were dissatisfied with it. He added that if, as he anticipated, conditions would warrant a progressive increase of the amount exportable at a minimum duty of 1s. 8d. and succeeding quarterly intervals, British sources would soon be exporting to full capacity.

STRAITS VIEW.

Commenting on the rubber outlook the "Straits Times" (July 6) says:—

It is possible, we would, indeed, go so far as to say it is probable, that within the next five years rubber may sell at as much as 5s. per pound, but if we owned an estate and a firm offer were made to us of 2s. per pound for our whole crop for the whole period we would accept it. It has, indeed, somewhat surprised us that the great consumers in America have not taken advantage of this British readiness to do "sure business," but possibly, if we knew their end of the industry as well as we know the producing, we might discover that the one side is just as handicapped by uncertainties as the other. Reduced to graspable proportions, we believe the attitude of the average man to be just this: The London shortage may be wiped out by a single big shipment, and there is no evidence that general shortage exists. In all probability the margin between production and consumption during the past half year has been narrow, but the high prices assure a percentage increase in output from the restricted areas, and simultaneously there is a steady increase in the output, especially the native output, of the Dutch Indies. The aggregate of these increases may in a few months carry production above the level of consumption, and if that happens we may be quite sure that prices will come down sharply.

Can we give reasons for taking a more hopeful view? We may take this year's supply from Malaya and Ceylon at 238,000 tons. The Dutch Indies output (dry weight) in 1924 was 158,000 tons, and we estimate that in the present year it will be 208,000, because the high price is obviously stimulating native production. So from Malaya, Ceylon and the Dutch Indies we get 446,000 tons, to which has to be added about 55,000 tons from other sources, including land para, bringing our total to 501,000 tons. Add stocks in the United Kingdom at December 31, 32,000 tons and in the United States 55,000 tons, and we have a total of 588,000 against estimated consumption variously placed between 500 and 520 thousand tons. Take it at the mean, 510,000, and the stocks at December 31, 1925, should be 78,000 or 9,000 tons less than at the end of 1924. The conclusion we draw is that there should be no serious scarcity, and no serious over-production in the present year, and that the tendency to reduce stocks, by reason of production being below consumption, should be just sufficient to keep the price level fairly high. It may fall from the present 3s. but it ought not to get below, say, 2s. 3d. or 2s. 6d., and if this forecast is warranted the year may be regarded as highly satisfactory to rubber producers.

WAR AGAIN?

SUN CHUAN-FANG DESIRES EXPANSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, July 22.

Many reports are current in Peking that war is imminent between Sun Chuan-fang and the Fengtienites, but there is no official confirmation.

Other reports state that negotiations between them are proceeding satisfactorily.

Tsun Ching-jui has decided to issue a Ching-jui mandate instructing Lu Yang-hsiang to remain at his post, stating that this will have an important bearing on the "southern situation."

It is semi-officially reported that Hsiao Yao-tan has wired to the government suggesting that "all matters immediately connected with the Hankow incident should be settled locally through the Foreign Affairs Commissioner," but other proposals such as the revision of treaties should be "transferred" to Peking.

CABINET CRISIS.

SITUATION REMAINS CRITICAL.

EARL BALFOUR TO HELP.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 22.

There have been recently half a dozen special Cabinet meetings and numerous conferences of Ministers endeavouring to compose the differences over the Admiralty's demand for the construction of new cruisers.

It was expected that to-day's Cabinet meeting would settle the question or end the rupture between Mr. W. C. Bridgeman (First Lord of the Admiralty) and Mr. Winston Churchill (Chancellor of the Exchequer), but it was announced after two hours' sitting that no decision had been reached.

The situation remains critical. It is understood that Earl Balfour has undertaken to assist Mr. Stanley Baldwin (the Premier) in finding a middle course between the two parties in the Cabinet.

A COMPROMISE.

London, later.

Reuter's Lobby correspondent understands that the Cabinet differences on the Naval construction programme have been compromised whereby three and possibly four cruisers will be begun not earlier than December and three in 1926. The Admiralty demanded three in 1925 and four in 1926. Mr. Churchill, the Treasury, and the majority of the Cabinet were unwilling to agree beyond two in 1925 and three in 1926. The Treasury has agreed to compromise conditionally reduce administrative expenses, and they notably suggest a re-organisation of the dockyards.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin will make a speech in the House of Commons on Thursday.

RIFF WAR.

SPANISH POSTS HOLDING OUT.

DISQUIETING DESPATCHES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, July 22.

Newspapers publish disquieting despatches from Fez reporting the enemy to be entrenched between Arbastiza and Ainaicha, preventing provisioning at Spanish posts, which are holding out despite pressure. A number of Turkish "colonels," formerly with the German Army, are assisting Abd el Krim.

EARLIER CABLE.

(Havas Agency.)

Fez, July 22.

In a severe battle the French column fought its way through the Rifians who have for some time been besieging the post at Aimaatouf, of which the garrison has been relieved. The Rifians were driven out to the north, leaving a number of dead.

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CHINA NOTES.

COMMANDER KENWORTHY'S MEMORIES.

"WHEN I WAS A MIDDY."

The present riots and disorders in Shanghai and other cities remind me very much of the Boxer troubles of twenty-five years ago, when I was a young midshipman on the China station, writes Lieut.-Commander the Hon. J. M. Kenworthy, R.N., M.P., in a Home paper.

The Boxers, who are really a secret society for the reform of the government in China, allowed themselves to be diverted into an anti-foreign agitation. It will be remembered that the Legation and the foreign colony in Peking were besieged for some weeks until a combined force under the German General Von Falkenhayn marched to Peking and relieved them.

Most scandalously the foreign detachments were then allowed a free hand to loot one of the richest cities in the East. Some of the soldiers and sailors made fortunes by the sale of the jewels and rich silks and objects of art they looted. But greater fortunes were made by certain hangers-on, with a knowledge of the value of works of art, who purchased from the looters, at very cheap prices, beautiful jade and ivory ornaments, ancient porcelain, and exquisite gems.

One sailor in my own ship became possessed of a really gorgeous string of emeralds, but a cute American dealer told him they were only glass and paid him ten dollars for gems that were afterwards sold in San Francisco to an American millionaire for \$25,000.

One of the men-of-war that played a great part in suppressing the Boxer rising was a British battleship, the Centurion. Her landing parties chastised the Chinese very severely, and her name struck terror for years afterwards up and down the coast of China.

If the present Centurion, which is a modern battleship, could have been sent out to Eastern waters now, I believe her arrival would do more to quiet the troubles than twelve battalions of soldiers.

CHINESE VENGEANCE.

But the Chinese have curious ideas of vengeance. When a Chinaman has been aggrieved by a rich man he commits suicide on his doorstep.

It wasn't easy for a Chinaman to commit suicide on the gangway ladder of the Centurion, but every time she came into harbour at Hongkong and went to her accustomed buoy she found a dead baby lying on it. Any amount of patrolling around that buoy did not prevent this gruesome act, and the sailors whose job it was to jump down on to the buoy and make fast the wire rope, afterwards used for securing the chain of the great battleship, became more and more chary of doing so.

Eventually she had to anchor instead of going to the buoy, and arrange for a police boat to clear it of dramatic souvenirs.

HUMAN LIFE CHEAP.

Life is cheap in China, and the rich man who is condemned to death is sometimes allowed to buy a substitute. A poor coolie takes his place, and his reward is that he has three weeks of living on the fat of the land, and his family are cared for afterwards.

The strongest trait in the Chinaman's character is his veneration for his parents and ancestors. They are extremely good to the old people, and Chinese sages declare that this is the reason why the race has lasted so long. The tombstones of departed ancestors are looked upon with peculiar veneration, and some of the railways recently built in China have had to be laid out in a zig-zag course, as no amount of bribery, cajolery, or threats would induce the people to allow their ancestors' bones to be shifted.

But, in mundane matters the

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But on entering the forts the explanation was found. They were almost knee deep in copper cash!

The copper cash runs to about 20 a penny, and is the small change of China. This was used to bribe the gunners to stand to their guns, and the whole floor of the forts round the gun platforms was a foot or so deep in the copper currency.

A NAVAL OCCASION.

The Great Wall of China, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, reaches the sea at Shan-hai-quan, where the Chinese Government has erected a dozen forts of the most modern type armed with Krupp guns.

This place was of great strategic importance, and it was necessary for the Allied Force to take the place. Foreign warships of all nationalities were ordered to rendezvous on Shan-hai-quan on June 12, while a large force consisting of infantry, artillery, and cavalry, under the personal command of General von

Falkenhayn, was landed 20 miles down the coast to march overland and take them in rear.

One of the ships ordered to rendezvous was a small British gunboat with a crew of only a hundred who had to come from a port in Korea. In case of bad weather, the captain started a day earlier, and the weather keeping fine, arrived on June 11 instead of the 12th.

BLUEJACKETS IN OCCUPATION.

When he stood in to investigate he observed, to his amazement, the Chinese garrisons running out of the forts like ants disturbed on an antheap and legging it up-country. They thought the small gunboat was the advance guard of the great Armada they had heard was coming, and made themselves scarce.

The captain thereupon sent some of his men ashore, and put two bluejackets in each of the twelve forts, hoisting the British flag in each one. He had the greatest difficulty in even scraping together enough men to do this.

On June 12, according to plan, the great Allied Fleet appeared, and the Allied Force arrived by land. But to the disgust of the Japanese, Germans, Americans, French, Italians, and even the British land forces, every fort was found to be in occupation of two British bluejackets, who refused to allow anyone to enter.

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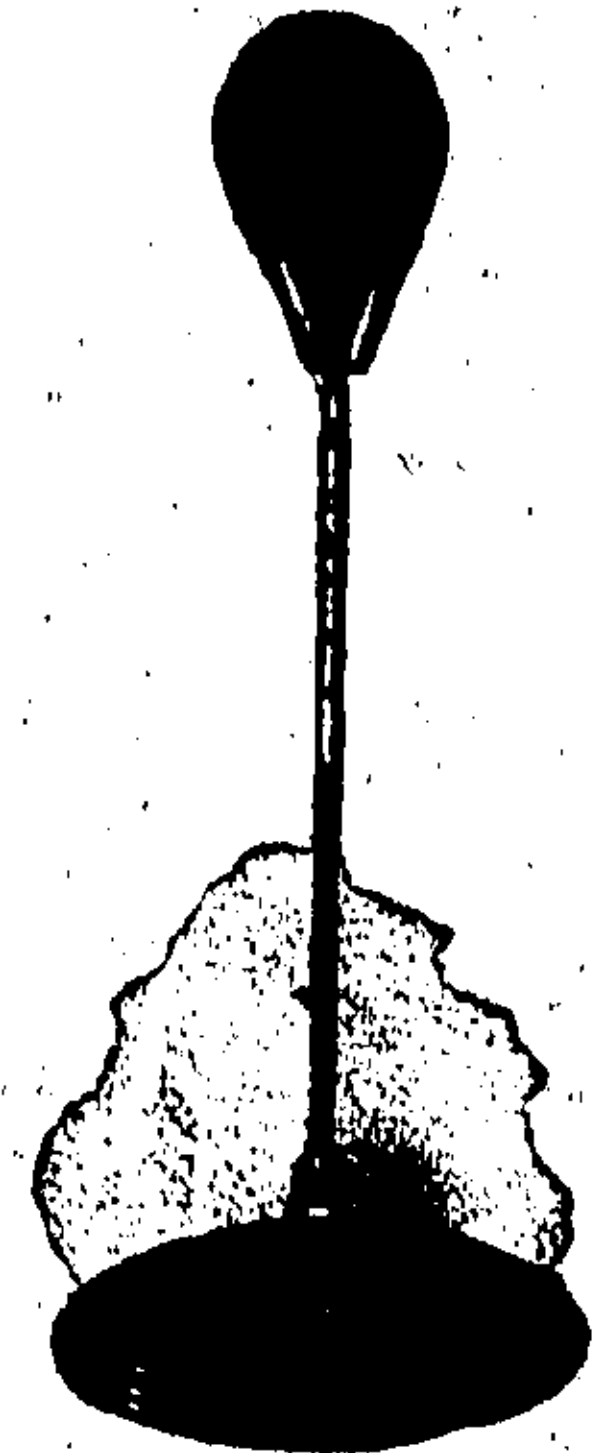
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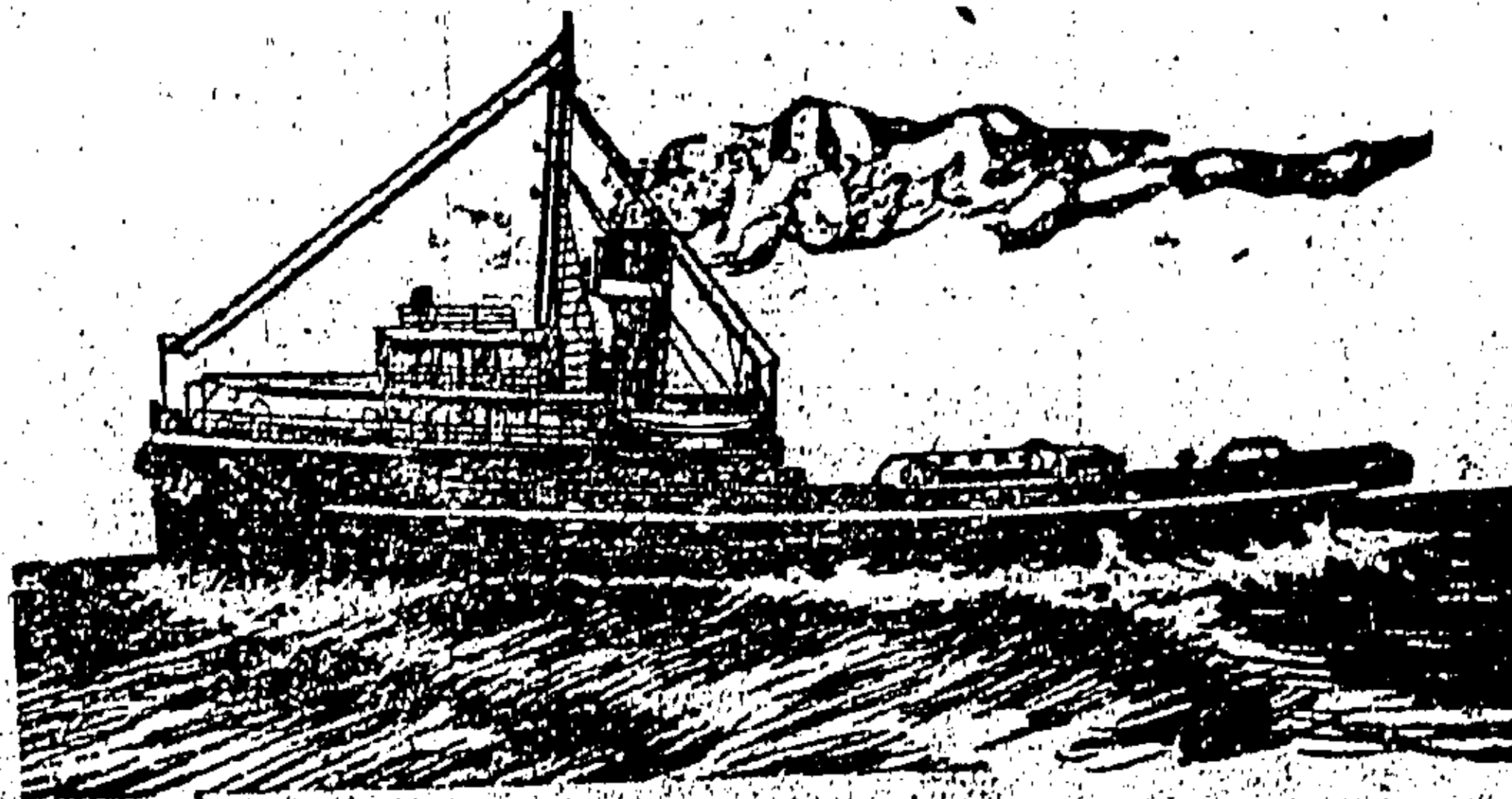
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